



2023 Request for Offers for Fully Deliverable Renewable Energy + Storage

Q&A Responses

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Peninsula Clean Energy, a California Joint Powers Authority, is soliciting competitive offers for the purchase of renewable energy and storage contracts to fulfill our energy goals, specifically Peninsula Clean Energy's goal to serve our customers' electricity needs with renewable energy on a 24/7 basis by 2025.

RFO Launch Date: March 16, 2023

Responses are due April 18, 2023, at 5 PM Pacific Prevailing Time.

RFO Website:

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/solicitation/rfo-for-fully-deliverable-renewable-energy-storage/>

| # | Question | Answer |
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| 1 | While this RFO is for fully deliverable renewable energy + storage projects, we also saw that Peninsula Clean Energy is interested in resources that can qualify as zero-emitting resources. We have a renewable resource that will COD in March of 2025 and be energy only until mid 2026. We understand that LSEs in CAISO can contractually pair energy only renewable resources with stand-alone BESS projects to qualify for zero-emitting targets. Therefore, would PCE have any interest in an energy only solar project for this solicitation? | We are interested in contracting with Solar+Storage projects to help us meet our internal goals and compliance requirements. If the project doesn't qualify for RA at the beginning of COD but have achieved full deliverability for a later date, we would consider such project. |
| 2 | Is PCE, through this RFO, seeking to procure for its new 2026 and 2027 allocations from the 4 GW update to the MTR Order? | Yes, we are planning to procure resources to meet our MTR requirements. |
| 3 | How do we provide proof of Compliance with Peninsula Clean Energy's Sustainable Workforce Policy? | Please refer to page 23 of the RFO instructions on "Compliance with Peninsula Clean Energy's Sustainable Workforce Policy". |
| 4 | How do we provide proof of Compliance with Peninsula Clean Energy's Ethical Vendor Standards? | Please refer to page 24 of the RFO instructions on "Compliance with Peninsula Clean Energy's Ethical Vendors Standard". |
| 5 | Are there any specific requirements regarding prevailing that we should comply with? | Please refer to page 23 of the RFO instructions on "Compliance with Peninsula Clean Energy's Sustainable Workforce Policy" and PCE's workforce policy here . |
| 6 | Will PCE consider Li-index based offers? | We do not accept index-based offers. We strongly prefer fixed pricing. |
| 7 | RFP protocol states: "Projects must have received Full Capacity Deliverability Status, or equivalent from CAISO in order to be considered in this RFO." Does this mean that projects must currently have achieved FCDS in order to bid? Or projects that can demonstrate viability to receive FCDS by those dates can bid? | For this RFO, we require projects to have already achieved FCDS. |

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| 8 | Will PCE consider bids contingent on receiving Interim Deliverability in order to meet the FCDS requirement? | For this RFO, we require projects to have already achieved FCDS. |
| 9 | In RFO Section 5, Eligibility Criteria, please expand on definition of Storage Availability. Does Storage Availability include outage hours? Could this definition also be stated as 2% unplanned outage/month? | Please refer to Exhibit M in our Storage Pro Forma to get more information on "Monthly Storage Availability". |
| 10 | In RFO Section 8, Evaluation Criteria, please expand on criteria of how LDES offers will be evaluated in comparison with other offers, especially with other type of storage offers with less duration on apple to apple basis. | In our evaluation, we group projects based on technology/resource type and select top-ranked projects within each group based on our procurement targets. For example, if we plan to procure 20MW of LDES, we will shortlist the top LDES projects that will help us to meet our 20MW target. |
| 11 | In RFO Section 8, Evaluation Criteria, how will the Value of the offers be compared with each other, especially a new storage project versus an existing RPS, for instance. Will a lower priced offer wins more points in a simple relative evaluation? | In our evaluation, we group projects based on technology/resource type and select top-ranked projects within each group based on our procurement targets. For example, if we plan to procure 20MW of LDES, we will shortlist the top LDES projects that will help us to meet our 20MW target. |
| 12 | In RFO Section 8, Evaluation Criteria, "Workforce Development" has its score as "Pass/Fail". Does this mean that though other criteria reached 100 points, the offer will be disqualified if it failed complying this criteria? | Yes, a Fail score on "Workforce Development" category will disqualify the project from selection in our shortlist. |
| 13 | For a stand-alone Long Duration Energy Storage ("LDES") facility, is Full Capacity Deliverability Status ("FCDS") required at the time of bid submittal, at contract signing, or at Commercial Operation Date("COD")? The proposed project is in Cluster 14 and has currently completed Phase I analysis. Phase II analysis is expected by the end of 2023, with deliverability allocation by June 2024. Would the project comply with the current bid requirements? | For this RFO, we require projects to have already achieved FCDS by the time of bid submittal. |
| 14 | Regarding the following requirement: "Storage resources must have no limit to the numbers of times per day that they | We anticipate to have one charge and discharge cycle per 24-hour period on average. However, we do not want to apply |

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| | may be charged or discharged.” Please define or give a range of anticipated number of charges and discharges per 24-hour period. | any limit in the contract which would give us flexibility to do more cycles per 24-hour period if desired. |
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